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SUBJECT: AMERICAN-SOVIET FISHERIES CLAIMS BOARDS

REFS: (A) STATE A-6132 (B) MOSCOW 13724

1. REQUEST EMBASSY DETERMINE NAME OF SECOND SOVIET MEMBER OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FISHERIES CLAIMS BOARDS AND WHEN HE CAN BE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON.

2. REF (B) ARRIVED WHILE DEPT WAS PREPARING INQUIRY TO EMBASSY CONCERNING THE NAMES OF SOVIET BOARD MEMBERS WHICH USG HAS SOUGHT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. DELAY IN ESTABLISHING BOARDS AND PROCEDURES MAY PREVENT OTHERWISE VALID CLAIMANTS FROM USING CLAIMS BOARDS BECAUSE OF PROVISIONS OF ART II.2. (FEB 21, 1973 AGREEMENT, TIAS 7575). CLAIMANTS THEREFORE LEFT WITH COURTS AS ONLY ALTERNATIVE--A SITUATION BOARDS DESIGNED TO OBVIATE. USG IN GOOD FAITH HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING POTENTIAL US CLAIMANTS TO USE CLAIMS BOARD IN THE QTE FIRST INSTANCE ENDQTE AS PER ART. VII. HOWEVER, CLAIMANTS WHEN AWARE OF NON-EXISTENCE OF BOARD AND PROCEDURES ARE LOOKING FOR ALTERNATIVE FORUMS, E.G., RECENT ATTACHMENT OF THE BELOGORSK AS RESULT OF OUTSTANDING CLAIMS

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OF US CLAIMANTS.

3. IN ADDITION TO PARA 1 ABOVE, REQUEST EMBASSY DETERMINE
WHEN SOVIET MEMBERS EXPECT TO BE PREPARED TO MEET WITH
USG BOARD MEMBERS. KISSINGER

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